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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: FMC VISIT TO KUWAIT

REFERENCES: (A) KUWAIT 5856, (B) STATE 305432

1. YOUR ASSUMPTION PARA 2 REFTEL A CORRECT, IN THE
ABSENCE OF AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR VULCAN FROM THE GOK,
DEPARTMENT NOT IN A POSITION TO APPROVE, IN ADVANCE, SUCH
A SALE. -

2. RE FMC VISIT, PADOLINO NOW INFORMS US THAT W.W. WARD IS
PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN KUWAIT 29 DECEMBER AT 2145 ABOARD
OLYMPIC AIRLINES 345. WARD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JAMES
GALLO, FMC MIDDLE EAST REPRESENTATIVE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY CONTACT GOK AUTHORITIES
TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN RECEIVE WARD AND GALLO BEGINNING
31 DECEMBER FOR DISCUSSION OF APC SALE TO KUWAIT. IF GOK
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PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD RESERVE DOUBLE
AT HILTON FOR FMC REPS. IF ABOVE UNACCEPTABLE, REQUEST
EMBASSY SECURE A FIRM DATE WHEN DISCUSSIONS ON APC SALE
WITH GOK AUTHORITIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AND INFORM DEPART-
MENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FMC.
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